

Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization  
BOA Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2013

The meeting commenced at 10:00 AM at the home of Bob and Marty on Starr Road (we are going to miss you both when you move to Michigan in June!!)

The following BOA members were present: Robert Perry, Rick Vila, Dean Nicastro, Terry Towne, Joseph May, Donna Chaban, Lauren Scarbro, Barbara Maccarillo, Bob Merliss. Absent: Ron Oliver. (Quorum was present for all votes)

The following RCENO general members were present: Marty, Ken, Steve, John and Dennis. Also present was guest speaker from Desert Springs Publishing (Victoria)

1) Robert opened meeting with welcome and introductions

2) Financial Report (Dean):

- Current balance in RCENO account \$26,298.41.
- Dean asked if any receipts still outstanding from Feb home tours. Lauren provided one more and there are now none, he will now work on the home tours financial report.
- Dean reported no issues with RCENO tax prep/submittal.
- Pulled Oct General Meeting mailing receipt to submit to PSNIC for reimbursement for our annual allotment from City.

3) Approval of Minutes – not available. Action Ron to supply for approval.

4) Officer Reports – none (Terry's in PSNIC, next item).

5) PSNIC Report (Terry)

- Palm Springs 75th Anniversary Celebration reminder: Saturday 4/20/13 from 3-9pm at O'Donnell Golf Course. Still need about 50 volunteers, go on website to submit volunteer form if interested.
- Desert Regional Mixer on 4/23/13 from 5-7:30pm
- Pride Prom (LGBT PS High School event) 5/17/13 at PS Art Museum
- Shredding Event 4/27 at Lowe's Home Improvement on Ramon starting at 7:30am
- City looking for folks to compost. Go to PS city website for more information on the program
- PS Canine Core needs dogs. It costs \$14,000 to purchase and train a dog and its officer.

- Jack Daniels, city of PS Police Dept member horse, has retired after 18 years of service

#### 6) Mid Century Home Book (Guest Speaker from Desert Springs Publishing, Victoria)

- Full service publishing firm with a creative team in place, takes from concept to printing to distribution.
- Guides clients step by step thru process to get a professional grade project published
- Example pricing was about \$15 a book (minimum order qty 1000, without distribution services), but pricing is dependant on variables (size, # graphics, etc)
- Target sell price would be \$30-\$32
- Brought examples of her work, Q&A session, general discussion on concept and market/demographics for Racquet Club book.
- Discussed timing, need 9 month to produce
- Her contact information is [Victoria@desertspringspublishing.com](mailto:Victoria@desertspringspublishing.com) 760-219-7008

#### 7) May General Meeting (Robert)

- Lauren summarized board election(s) required for our general meeting. 7 openings, 4 would be re-elections depending on Ron's input. Positions up for election:
  - Rick (interested in re-running)
  - Ron (unknown, Robert to inquire)
  - Scott (open - need to fill)
  - Terry (interested in re-running)
  - Lauren (interested in re-running, will not be present (in Hawaii), to submit write up to be read)
    - In addition, 2 BOA will be submitting resignation letters prior to May meeting and their positions will be open for election, Bob (moving) and Barbara (conflict).
- Donna will be supply "light" continental breakfast for up to 40 attendees (estimate)
- Potential Guest Speakers:
  - Craig Ewing – Rick to coordinate
  - EResponse Lead – Jenny contact (Joseph to confirm)
  - PS PD – Terry to inform via email
- Joseph to secure school location with Principal Scudder
- To be held May 11<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12pm
- Blast to be sent out , with reminder blast (Ron)

#### 8) Palm Springs Animal Shelter Event (Terry)

- Lovely event, RCENO represented and our blade sign was on a kennel. Photos take by Lee. Action for Terry to get picture from Lee to Robert so it can be

posted on our website by John.

#### 9) RCENO Expansion (Terry/Robert)

- A resident of The Towers had sent an email asking if their complex could be considered for inclusion in our RCENO boundaries.
- Terry had gotten the PSNIC guidance and distributed via email prior to the meeting outlining the process requirements. A general observation had been that when boundaries are drawn the city is less likely to support inclusion of one complex if it creates a carve out of other surrounding units (leaves “dangling” unrepresented units). There is a potential including The Towers would mean we would need to pick up 1 to 3 additional multi unit complexes to complete a “clean” boundary and that was a large “additional “ potential population to add to our neighborhood that currently is composed of only single family residences (over 500). A vote was taken, and it was unanimous to keep our existing boundaries and not request any modifications at this time. Robert to notify the resident of The Towers that had made the inquiry. (he will tell him he is more than welcome to attend our meetings/events)

#### 10) RCENO Block Party (Robert)

1. General Discussion on concept / idea to put together a block party. Pro's/Con's, where/when. Looking for ways to increase neighborhood participation and sense of Racquet Club community. Ideas that are to be explored:
  - Target for October, instead of Picnic this year
  - Look for cul-de-sac to host as location in our neighborhood.
  - Ken shared what he knows about **SEP** (Special Event Permit) process with the city. We will need to make a request
  - Neighborhood “garage band” idea for entertainment (we have former professional musicians on our board (Robert and Dean) and in our neighborhood we have Kal David and Lori (across from Joseph) and behind Donna there is a guy that is a musician , may be others (I know Jeff Taylor knows a band that plays at Pioneertown P&H, because we have seen him there)
  - Other idea, was a neighborhood garage sale. And although everyone likes this idea and thinks we should consider, it would be in “addition to” not instead of, since it doesn't bring the neighborhood into a social situation (everyone would be in their own garage/carport)

#### 11) New Business/Projects/Q&A/Other

- Discussion on whether PS PD effort should be supported with RCENO donation for purchase of a canine or horse.

- Mixed input from those present. Some thought it was not a good idea, either because we should focus on those items that benefit our immediate neighborhood or that when the city makes cut backs they don't touch the PD, we pay taxes already, etc. Others felt that giving to those that support our community shows a partnership with the city and although shouldn't be the majority of our fund allocations, should be a part of them.
- Action: Terry and Lauren will facilitate PD grant request for horse/canine and the committee will then make a decision on whether to fund one/both or neither once received.
- Udo (library house neighbor) had requested RCENO for support for "clean up" adjacent to Victoria Park – Lauren submitted email letter to the city dept responsible for the park and did not get a response back. Lauren has action to follow up.
- Robert brought up general item on neighborhood beautification and financial need. We are proceeding as previously approved.
- John doing a great job on our website, has brought lots of information up to date/current. There are some missing meeting minutes. Lauren (and anyone else) will look to see which are missing and if she can fill any gaps/holes from her records.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm